

ANOTHER MARRIN JOINT HERE

HE AND RIGGS OPERATED IN THE HARVARD BUILDING.

Money of the Storey Cotton Co. Dupes Circulated Freely in the Tenderloin.—Marrin and Riggs Were Once in the "National Automobile Company."

Frank C. Marrin, one of the promoters of the get-rich-quick Storey Cotton Company, which recently went up the spout in Philadelphia, has a financial career in the Tenderloin as well as at the company's offices, 11 Broadway, and in Brooklyn and Philadelphia. At his uptown office Marrin went under the name of Franklin Stone, an alias which he used in Philadelphia. His office was in the Harvard Building, at the southwest corner of Sixth avenue and Forty-second street.

Just what sort of business was carried on in the room on the second floor of the building was not to be learned yesterday. According to one of the employees of the building, Mr. Stone dealt in gas light fixtures. At present the room is occupied by the "National Automobile Company" and Stone's name is no longer on the door. But above the name of the new tenant are two words, "Financial office," which were there when Stone occupied the rooms.

Until recently the room was also occupied by Graham & Co., who dealt in stocks. They have a down town office at 44 Broadway, according to the city directory. No one in the building knew yesterday where the uptown branch of Graham & Co. had moved. They have thoughtlessly left their quotation boards behind, so that the walls in the office of the National Automobile Company—which is not to be confounded with the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers in East Forty-second street—are covered with quotation boards. One Walter B. Riggs also occupied the office until recently. A reporter in search of Stone & Riggs was told by the elevator man to go to Room 4, occupied by the National Automobile Company. When the elevator man was told that the names were no longer there, he said that they must have been taken off in a few days. The sign on the door reads:

Financial Office,
Charles T. L. Allen,
Temporary office of the National Automobile Co.,
J. E. F. Allen.

A man who said he was Allen was found in the inner office. He is a small, smooth faced, dark complexioned man. On a chair near by were several fur automobile coats.

Mr. Allen was asked if it were true that Messrs. Stone and Riggs had organized the National Automobile Company. At first he denied ever having heard of them. "It is true," he said finally, "that they were interested in the company. We asked them into it as we would any other capitalists. But they are no longer connected with us. We regret very much that they should have been, because we are in no way interested in the Storey Cotton Company."

Many of the finest cars in the city are stored in this garage. We have among our patrons some of the best known people of New York and vicinity. We do more repairing of foreign cars than any other auto repair shop in the United States.

Mr. Allen explained that the reason "temporary offices" was printed on the door was because the company soon expected to move into the Times Building.

Mr. Riggs, who couldn't be found, has also gone under the name of W. Beach Richmond, who was connected with the Storey Cotton Company. Both he and Stone have frequented Sixth avenue resorts a good deal during the past year. One night they spent \$120 for champagne in a restaurant near Forty-second street.

Both have been interested in horse racing and have backed some boxing bouts. Both had wives who, it is said, sailed for Europe recently. A man who knew Riggs said yesterday that within a short time ago Riggs had a personal balance of \$130,000 at a Philadelphia bank.

The Post Office inspectors want to see Mr. Marrin very much and, it is said, were watching yesterday's steamers for him.

WOMAN HAS THE STOREY LOOT.

Sophie Beck, Stenographer, Skips With \$1,000,000.—To Meet Marrin Abroad.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Nearly \$1,000,000 in hard cash and negotiable bonds, mostly the proceeds of the business conducted by the Storey Cotton Company, slipped from under the noses of the authorities into the possession of Sophie Beck and out of the country with her over a week ago. Sophie Beck was the stenographer of the Storey Cotton Company, and as such was the personal representative of Frank Marrin, the backer of the concern.

The money was obtained by shrewd transfers of property in the name of Frank Marrin and Ewart Storey. The Beck woman, who is regarded by the Secret Service agents as another Cassie Chadwick, slipped aboard an ocean liner with it and was upon the high seas before any one had realized what had happened.

According to the official who divulged the story concerning the departure of Mrs. Beck, the woman engineered the deal for converting securities and real estate into cash without assistance. She was probably in touch with others, but she did the actual work herself. The Storey cotton people have any number of financial friends in the city and they probably made the work of the woman easy.

In company with Frank C. Marrin, Mrs. Beck, or Collins, or Dunne, left Chicago in February, 1900, where she lived at the time, and is said to have gone to San Francisco and then to New Orleans, where she lived for some time. About two years ago she came to this city and became stenographer to the Storey Cotton Company.

She had an elaborately furnished room next to the company's office and appeared to be subject to nobody's orders. Marrin himself never went near the Storey company's offices. This was because he knew that he was well represented by Mrs. Beck. No one at the office of the company knew

TO AIR WEIGHTMAN SCANDAL.

LAST EFFORT TO HIDE FAMILY SKELETON A FAILURE.

Mrs. Jones Wister's Daughters Appeal in Vain to Have Her Drop the Will Contest.—Mrs. Walker, Who Got the \$600,000 Fortune, Won't Budge.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Mrs. Jones Wister's four daughters met here to-day and as a result one was sent to plead with their mother to withdraw from her proposed contest of the Weightman will. The plea was refused and diplomatic relations between the two camps have now ceased finally.

The daughters objected to the Weightman family skeleton being taken out and shaken before the public. That there is a family skeleton is admitted by one of the most prominent members of the family now split up by the \$600,000 left by the wealthy widow.

The daughters of Mrs. Wister knew that no compromise of the case is possible. They had heard Mrs. Walker, Weightman's daughter, declare in their presence that she would fight to the end of the last penny of the fortune her father left her rather than yield one cent as a result of Mrs. Wister's suit. The daughters' view of the case agreed with that of Mrs. Walker, yet they themselves, without a final effort, array themselves against their mother.

Mrs. Wister's daughters are Mrs. Nathaniel Norton, who had come from New York for the purpose; Mrs. Richard Walmsley, Mrs. John Strawbridge and Miss Ethel Wister. Mrs. Walmsley was chosen as spokeswoman, and she went to Mrs. Wister's house on Rittenhouse Square and implored that peace be restored to the family. Her pleadings were in vain. Mrs. Wister is as firmly convinced of the justice of her position as her daughters are of theirs.

While Mrs. Walker is generally credited with being a shrewd business woman than Mrs. Wister, those who are aware of the mingled determination and diplomacy with which Mrs. Wister managed to secure the documentary evidence to support her case know that the opposing women are very evenly matched, and Mrs. Wister's reply to her daughter's message was as vigorous as Mrs. Walker's statement that she would fight to the end for what she considered right.

As a result of Mrs. Wister's determination to continue the contest her daughters have, as it were, severed diplomatic relations with their mother. They are determined that the next proffer of the olive branch must come from Mrs. Wister, and the bitterness that has followed the failure of Mrs. Walmsley as an ambassador promises to cause perplexing complications in the social circles of the city.

The legal petition to have the case reopened is looked for early next week. In addition to the mass of letters in Mrs. Wister's hands from Mr. Weightman, making promises that his granddaughters would receive a fortune, in addition to the evidence that will be produced regarding the effort of the marriage of the widow of Mr. Weightman's son to Mr. Wister upon Mr. Weightman, who had himself proposed marriage to her, and in addition to the claim that will be set up that Mr. Weightman's sons were his partners and their heirs entitled to a share in the great drug business, it is now learned that Mrs. Wister has another strong point in her corner.

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SCHOOLGIRL FATALLY SHOT.

Police Seek a Young Man and Say a Love Affair Caused Trouble.

Alice Olson, a sixteen-year-old school girl living with her parents at 38 High street, Corona, was shot in the right breast last night in the parker of her brother.

The girl's condition is critical and she was hurried to this borough and taken to the Post Graduate Hospital. The shooting occurred at 9 o'clock last night, but it was not until an hour later that the police heard of it.

William Smith, 17 years old, of 30 Walnut street, Corona, called on the girl last night at her home. He disappeared after the shooting and the police are looking for him. He is accused of shooting the girl, because of a love affair.

Miss Olson's parents heard the shot and when they ran to the parlor they found their daughter lying on the floor. Drs. Kline and Dougherty were summoned, and they said the girl had received a mortal wound. They declared the only possible chance of saving her life lay in an operation.

OUR FLEET LEAVES HAVANA.

Thousands Gather on the Embankment to See the Fleet Pass.

HAVANA, March 25.—The flagship Olympia and the battleships Kentucky and Missouri sailed from here at 8 o'clock this morning to join the remainder of the fleet from Guantanamo. The cruiser Des Moines had left earlier to join these ships. Capt. Colby of the Olympia announced through a megaphone as the vessels were leaving the harbor that thirteen warships were ten miles to the eastward, the rest having gone to Key West.

About 10:30 o'clock fifteen vessels passed close to Morro Castle, in full view of thousands of people who had assembled along the Havana embankment on the promenade known as the Malecon. When all the ships were abreast of the Morro they altered their course and steered out to sea.

ACTOR SLOAN HAS LOCKJAW.

Was Wounded by a Pistol in Performance at Philadelphia—May Recover.

Harry Sloan, a vaudeville actor of 29 Willyoughby street, Brooklyn, was removed to the Long Island College Hospital on Friday suffering from lockjaw, the result of a pistol shot wound in the hand received while performing at the Bon Ton Theatre in Philadelphia. Sloan was taken to the hospital upon the advice of physicians employed by two fraternal orders of which Sloan is a member. They determined that he must be shot to the hospital caused considerable friction and unfriendly criticism on the part of the parents of the young actor, who arrived from Meriden, Conn., on the day of his removal.

The wound from which the trouble arose was caused by the accidental discharge of a revolver in a play in which Sloan was taking part. The flesh was torn and the wound was dressed at a local hospital in Philadelphia. It healed rapidly and all was thought to be well until he returned to Brooklyn and was taken with a spasm on Wednesday. At the hospital it was said last night that the patient was doing well and would probably recover.

NAVY SECRETARY CALLED HOME

Morton Abandons Porto Rican Tour on Orders From Washington.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
SAN JUAN, P. R., March 25.—Secretary of the Navy Morton, Speaker Cannon of the House of Representatives, Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, and other officials arrived here on the dispatch boat Dolphin to-day. They intended to make a tour of the island, but a number of cable despatches which awaited Secretary Morton compelled them to change their plans.

One of these despatches ordered the Secretary's immediate return, and the Dolphin sailed hurriedly and sailed for home, via Guantanamo.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—So far as can be learned here, Secretary Morton's plans for the West Indian trip have not been changed. The dispatch boat Dolphin which is carrying Secretary Morton and his party, sailed yesterday from San Juan for Guantanamo. From Guantanamo the party was expected to go to Havana and then home, arriving here next Saturday or Sunday.

Secretary Morton is to go with the President on the Western trip, a week from Monday, and he will have to make haste to get back in time to prepare for the long journey to the West and South Seas.

It is said here that Porto Rico was not included in the original itinerary of the trip, and that there was no intention to make a tour of the island. It was believed that Secretary Morton would stay in West Indian waters for two or three days and then, leaving the Dolphin, hasten to Washington by rail.

TRIED TO JUMP THE BRIDGE.

John Collins Pulled Off the Rail Overhanging the River.

John Collins, 25 years old, of Eastport, L. I., jumped on the tail of a truck at the Park road end of the Bridge soon after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and asked for a ride across the Bridge. The driver, Thomas Butler of 132 Raymond street, Brooklyn, permitted him to do so.

After the truck had passed the first span on the south roadway, Collins stepped up to the driver and said that he intended to jump off the structure at the centre of the span. He said he had made a wager with a man in Andy Horn's saloon at the Park road entrance to the Bridge and that if he made the jump successfully he was to get \$500. If he succeeded in eluding the police and made the jump and was killed then his family were to get the \$500.

When the truck reached the centre of the span, according to Butler, Collins sprang to the roadway and began to remove his clothing. He had thrown off his hat and coat, collar and tie, and was removing his shirt when Butler's shouts attracted the attention of Detectives McGorley and Smith of the Bridge station, who were riding on a Fulton street car, a few yards behind.

The officers jumped off the car and ran toward Collins. The latter jumped for the rail and was kneeling over the top when the officers caught him by the legs and pulled him down.

Collins finished his ride to Brooklyn on the truck handcuffed to the two detectives. The police were of the opinion last night that the story of the wager was a hoax and that Collins, who said he was a printer, had been on a spree.

WOMAN PUNCHED HIGHWAYMAN.

Then Screamed and Awahe Him—Crowd Hunts for Him With Whips.

Mrs. John Schneider of 6 Crosby avenue, Evergreen, L. I., was attacked by a highwayman at 9 o'clock last night in Vermont street, East New York, just beyond the Highland Park Viaduct. Mrs. Schneider had spent the day in Brooklyn shopping and was taking the Vermont street route as a short cut home. It is a dark, lonely street, leading around Evergreen Cemetery.

A crowd of highwaymen, jumping out from behind a tree and grabbed the woman. Mrs. Schneider's arms were full of packages, but she is a big and strong woman and succeeded in wrenching herself free. She hit the man in the face as he came at her the second time and set up such a cry that people living nearby opened the doors of their houses and rushed out. Then the man took to his heels, disappearing in the cemetery.

A crowd of men, reinforced by police from the Liberty avenue and Queens borough police stations, searched the cemetery, but could get no trace of the man. Many of the citizens carried loaded guns and threatened to shoot the highwayman at sight.

NEBRASKA IN BUSINESS, TOO.

Its Legislature Appropriates \$250,000 to Build a Binder Twine Factory.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25.—Following the lead of Kansas in its fight against the Standard Oil Company, Nebraska will fight the binder twine and cordage trust, and to that end the State Legislature yesterday appropriated \$250,000 with which to build a twine factory for the manufacture of binder twine. The plant will be constructed at Lincoln within the walls of the State prison and the convicts of the penitentiary will do all the work.

Unfinished articles used in binding grain, will be sold at cost to farmers of Nebraska. Should the experiment prove a success, the markets of adjoining States may be invaded by the twine. Work is expected to begin immediately, and if possible, the output will be ready for use in harvesting this coming summer. Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and the Dakotas use thousands of tons of cordage yearly, and the exactions of the trust have been increasing from year to year, dealers say.

PICKED GIRL UP BODILY.

Stranger Tried to Run Away With Miss Chapman, Actress.

Miss Gladys Chapman, a young actress who lives at 187 West 133d street, has been rehearsing lately in West Twenty-eighth street for a part she is to play on the road. Late yesterday afternoon she started home alone. When she got to Sixth avenue and Twenty-eighth street, where she was to get an elevated train, she met a young man who ogled her. He blocked her way to the elevated steps.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," said the young woman. "Let me pass." When Miss Chapman tried to go by the stranger, who was dark and looked like a foreigner, he slipped his arm around her waist. Then he picked her up bodily and started down Sixth avenue.

Miss Chapman set up such a screaming that Policemen Williams came to her assistance. Williams put the man under arrest. In the tenderloin station he described himself as Rudolph Maller, 23 years old, a civil engineer, of 61 West Sixty-ninth street. He is a Rumanian. His excuse for his actions was that he had been drinking a little.

Maller was locked up charged with disorderly conduct. Miss Chapman promised to be in the Jefferson Market police court this morning.

BOY LOST IN A FREIGHT CAR.

WAS PLAYING IN IT ON MONDAY WHEN TRAIN STARTED.

Playmate Jumped Off and Kept Mum—No One Known What Car It Was or Whether It Went—Police Fear That Seven-Year-Old Stowaway Is Dead.

Johnny Donohue, who is 7 years old and lives at 785 Eleventh avenue, did not return home last Monday night from play. The New York Central freight tracks run along the avenue in front of his house. He had been in a game of hide and seek around empty cars, as was his custom with other boys, among the eight-year-old Samuel Hannigan, who lives not far away at 223 West Sixtieth street. Johnny's mother, Mrs. Edith Donohue, hunted up young Hannigan, but he said he didn't know anything about Johnny. When Thursday came and no Johnny, Mrs. Donohue in her distraction thought of the police, and hurried down to Headquarters. Detective Sergeant William A. Finn of the new "Lost Persons Squad," at once to Johnny's school teacher, talked with his half crazed mother and then hunted up his playmates.

Fred Sennemeyer, an eleven-year-old boy, who lives in the same house with the Donohues, told the detective that he saw Hannigan push Johnny into an empty freight car on the night of the 20th. The car was standing on the tracks at Eleventh avenue and Fifty-third street. The train, he said, started at once, with Donohue aboard. He said that after the car got started he saw Donohue open the door and then close it.

Finn hunted up Hannigan again and the boy denied absolutely all knowledge of the affair or even that he had been playing with the Donohue boy. He was taken to Mrs. Donohue and repeated his denial. Then he was confronted with Sennemeyer and still denied the story.

Finn at last took him down to Police Headquarters, and there he finally admitted that he had been playing tag with the Donohue boy. He said they were both in the car when it started, but that he jumped out, leaving Donohue behind. This was nearly 10 o'clock at night.

What car that was, or what has become of it, the police do not know. It may have been looked up, they fear, without Donohue's presence being discovered, and may have started on its way across the continent with the boy a prisoner without food or water. The little fellow, they fear, might not have enough strength to make himself heard by anybody outside, or he may have jumped out somewhere outside the city and been killed. The best they can hope for is that he was rescued somewhere and New York has not yet been notified. If he has been looked in a car all this time it is hardly possible he is alive.

The railroad people have been asked to see if they can run down the car.

Young Hannigan, a diminutive and picturesquely dirty little fellow, seems not to realize what his silence about his playmate may cost.

"Why didn't you tell about Johnny's being in the freight car at first?" he was asked.

"I don't know," he piped.

His idea evidently was that if he told there was the possibility of trouble for him. The police turned him over to the Gerry society in case they need him later.

HUNT UP DEATHS BY GAS.

Albany Committee Gets Electrical Engineer for Junior Counsel.

The Gas Investigating Committee decided yesterday on Gustavus T. Kirby, a young lawyer of 2 Wall street, as junior counsel. The selection was made at the suggestion of Charles E. Hughes, the senior counsel. Mr. Hughes said that many able lawyers were willing to take the place.

Mr. Kirby was chosen, he said, because he is an electrical engineer as well as a lawyer, having been graduated from the School of Mines at Columbia before he took up the study of law. This fact, he said, made Mr. Kirby a doubly valuable man as his expert knowledge of electricity would be of great assistance to the committee in bringing out the cost of production.

Mr. Kirby is a member of the firm of Kirby & Wood. He lives at Mount Kisco. Mr. Hughes called upon the coroners' office yesterday for statistics of gas poisoning in this city during the past three years. The compilation shows that the number of deaths, both accidental and suicidal, is increasing. The records show that in 1902 there were sixty-three accidental and sixty-eight suicidal deaths in 1903, 123 accidental and 68 suicidal, and in 1904 the figures were 130 and 133 respectively. Mr. Hughes would make no comment on the subject. Chairman Stevens also refused to talk about the matter last night.

SAMARITANS MAYBE CROOKS?

Unconscious Girl Robbed of Ring, Watch and Diamonds.

Miss Angie White, who says she is a cloak model, tried to get to a Broadway car at Nineteenth street yesterday afternoon, was trapped in a tangle of vehicles and fainted. When she came to she was in a store near the corner, and two young men, faultlessly dressed, were bending over her. They explained that they had carried her from the street, where she fell. She thanked them and with their help got a car.

A few minutes later she noticed that a finger of one of her gloves had been torn off. Her opal ring was missing from that finger. On the same finger she had worn a ring set with 24 carat diamonds. The jewel had been out from the setting. Her gold watch, set with eighty-seven small diamonds, was also missing.

Miss White got out of the car and found a policeman. He took her to the Tenderloin station, where she told her story. Detective Drumm was sent out on the case. She gave a good description of the two men who had assisted her.

Sgt. Robinson was much interested in the case.

SENATOR PLATT IN TOWN.

Says His Fortnight in the South Benefited Him Extremely.

Senator Thomas C. Platt came to town last night from the South. A couple of weeks ago he and Mrs. Platt and a party of guests went on a trip to South Carolina. At the time Mr. Platt was not feeling well, and the excursion was planned to give him rest and change of air. The Senator said last night that his brief vacation had benefited him extremely. He could not be prevailed upon to talk politics.

DEWEY'S FINE OLD SHERBY WINE.

An Excellent Appetizer, aids digestion. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York.

\$20,000,000 FROM THE BANKS.

Secretary Shaw Contemplates Withdrawal of 25 Per Cent. of Government Funds.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Secretary of the Treasury will probably call for a withdrawal of a large percentage of the funds which the Government has on deposit in national banks some time next month or very early in May. The plan is to withdraw 25 per cent. of the deposits, which would amount to approximately \$20,000,000. Secretary Shaw's idea is that by withdrawing these funds in the spring, when money conditions are easy, the Government will be in a better position to extend aid to the money market next fall during the crop moving season, in case there should be a stringency of funds for commercial uses.

The cash balance in the Treasury proper is now about \$40,000,000, which in the opinion of Mr. Shaw is large enough for the ordinary needs of the Government; and his proposal to withdraw about \$20,000,000 from the banks is dictated solely by the interests of the public. His theory is that the necessity exists under our present system of using artificial means to produce elasticity. To this end he would reduce the funds on deposit in the banks in the spring and expand them, if necessary, in the autumn months, when the greatest volume of currency is needed in general circulation.

SECRETARY HAY IMPROVES.

Reaches the Azores on the Crete and Says the Voyage is Benefiting Him.

PONTA DELGADA, AZORES, March 25.—When the White Star Line steamer Crete arrived here to-day from New York Secretary of State Hay, who was very ill when the ship sailed on March 18, declared that he was much improved. He said he had had a comfortable voyage.

The steamer continued her trip to Naples. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Despatches received in Washington from Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, where the White Star liner Crete touched, say that Secretary Hay, who collapsed in New York just as he was boarding the Crete, was much improved and had had a good voyage thus far. It is believed here that Secretary Hay will improve rapidly throughout his trip and that he will be fully able to resume his duties at the State Department when he returns.

No credence is placed in the stories that he has resigned or is to leave the Cabinet. Government officers who are in a position to know say that Secretary Hay will resume his duties as the head of the State Department when he returns from his vacation.

DROP IN COAL PRICES.

Retailers Will Cut From \$6.50 to \$5.85 a Ton on April 1.

The retail dealers in anthracite coal plan to reduce the price of coal 65 cents a ton on April 1. The present price is \$6.50. The wholesale price will be \$4.50 instead of \$5, as the coal operators have promised to reduce the price half a dollar a ton after April 1.

The reduced price will remain in force for the months of April and May. On June 1 the price will be increased 10 cents a ton per month until Sept. 1, when the price will be \$5.25. The wholesale price will then be \$3.25.

The reduced prices apply to broken egg, stove and chestnut sizes for family trade.

NEW TRIAL FOR CALLE POWERS.

His Fourth for Goebel Killing—Another Chance for Curtis Jett.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.—A fourth trial of Caleb Powers for the assassination of Gov. Goebel will begin in a short time, the Court of Appeals having overruled the petition of the Commonwealth for a rehearing.

A new trial for Curtis Jett, under sentence to hang for the assassination of J. B. Marcum in Breckitt county, was also ordered to-day by the Court of Appeals. The case came up by the Harrison Circuit Court, and is one of the feud murders in connection with which Judge Hargis, Senator Hargis, Elbert Hargis and Sheriff Ed Callahan are now held at Lexington.

KING EDWARD AS MATCHMAKER.

Pleases the People More Than Did the Late Queen.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, March 25.—Spanish and English newspapers are busy discussing a report which comes from Madrid that a marriage between King Alfonso and Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, is now a subject of discussion between the two courts. It is impossible to know what foundation there is for the story, but it is certainly being taken up by the press to reflect that one English Princess was recently engaged to the heir of a Crown Prince, while a reigning monarch is being talked of as the husband of another.

It shows to them that King Edward realizes his duties as a matchmaker in a way that is more pleasing to them than that of the late Queen, whose predilection for poor German Princesses was a source of much discontent.

A SEAGOR AT 97.

Simon Harris Comes Back to Work After a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Probably the oldest passenger that has ever crossed the Atlantic in the steerage of a twin screw steamer arrived last night from Cherbourg, aboard the American liner Philadelphia. He is Simon Harris, aged 97. He has been an American citizen forty-four years, and is returning from a two years pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He left the ship at 8 o'clock and took a Belt Line car to go to the foot of Whitehall street to take a boat for Brooklyn, where his only daughter, Mrs. Melizer, lives.

Mr. Harris looks like a Jewish patriarch. He seems active and strong. He said in broken English that there was mighty little "business" going on in Jerusalem. He has been a pedler in New York thirty years, and says he has accumulated enough money to keep him, provided he keeps on working, the rest of his days, which he thinks will be many. He was born in Russia, but he cannot recall the name of the place.

CEZAR URGED TO MAKE PEACE.

WASHINGTON HEARS THE KAISER IS PRESSING HIM.

France, Most Interested, Sees No Change in His Belligerent Attitude, but Realizes Situation May Change Any Moment.—Russia Admits Immense Losses.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
LONDON, March 25.—The logic of the situation points so undeviatingly toward peace that there has been a great revival of pacific rumors in the last day or two. But in the words of Patrick Henry, there is no peace.

The writer has been in consultation this week with prominent diplomats in Paris, where peace is more ardently desired perhaps than in any other quarter, and where the news of the Russian acceptance of the inexorable facts of the situation would seem to be known. There is but one opinion among them, and this is expressed with the utmost frankness. They see no sign of yielding in the belligerent policy of the Czar, but admit that the situation may change in this respect in the twinkling of an eye.

The withdrawal of the foreign financial support was a serious blow to Russia, but there is scarcely a question of her ability to carry on another campaign, so far as money is concerned. If she availed herself of the enormous wealth of the State Church, this treasure far exceeds in value the resources of the national exchequer. It includes secret hoards of gold and jewels which are the accumulation of generations. This accumulation largely accounts for the impoverishment of the Russian masses.

The Czar, as the head of the Church, possesses technically the power to commandeer it. The heads of the Church are the most reactionary of his advisers, and they could hardly complain if he demanded this sacrifice to the principles which they advocate. There is not the slightest doubt, however, that they will resist such a demand to the uttermost, and if it is insisted upon the whole authority of the Church will speedily be transferred to the side of peace.

This development, however, will scarcely be immediately, and meantime immense additional war expenditures on both sides would render peace still more difficult to negotiate.

SITUATION ON LAND AND SEA.

Regarding the military situation, French diplomatic opinion sees no possibility of avoiding continued Russian disaster throughout the year, there being no chance to organize even an adequate defensive campaign before 190